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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence  
FROM : Deputy Director for Intelligence  
SUBJECT : Contacts with Senator Jackson's Staff  
and the GAO on Technology Transfer  
to the USSR

1. This memorandum is for your information. No action is necessary.

2. Senator Jackson's staff has become a fairly regular customer for Agency intelligence on the transfer of US technology to the Soviet Union. The staff's interest is focused on possible improvement in Soviet military capabilities through detente-inspired commercial transfers of advanced US technology. The Government Accounting Office also is pursuing this line of inquiry with us.

3. Since mid-March, Senator Jackson's staff has requested and received four briefings on technology transfer. These briefings have been presented by analysts from OSI, OSR, and OER, with the latter making the most frequent appearances. In addition, we have provided the staff with two finished intelligence memos on the subject and two informal memos answering specific questions. Support for GAO has involved providing finished intelligence and an interview for one member of the team looking into US trade control policy.

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4. The general line of questioning seems aimed at making a case for stronger controls over technology exports to the USSR. In several instances we have been asked for information on US corporation sales, the sort of information normally falling in the domain of Commerce and State. The attached Memorandum for the Record on a recent briefing for Jackson's staff will give some idea of the atmosphere.

5. Our position on technology transfer is straightforward. We have said the Soviets could get some military benefit, but not enough to materially affect the strategic balance. I have no qualms whatsoever about stating this to committees or to individual members. I am less comfortable with the extent of our support for Jackson's staff and the GAO. Both obviously are tuning up for the forthcoming Jackson-Kissinger debate on detente.

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